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In re Application of:


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CHANGES IN THE CENTRAL
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ADMINISTRATION OF IGF-I OR
IGF-II

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer dated March 24, 2004, appellant submits the following reply.

Objection to New Grounds of Rejection

Appellant objects to the Examiner's Answer as improper because it contains a new ground of rejection, which is prohibited under MPEP § 1208.01. The Examiner's Answer provides new bases for the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. More particularly, at pages 6-8 of the Examiner's Answer there is a 3-page discussion of several references that were never cited previously as a basis for the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. While

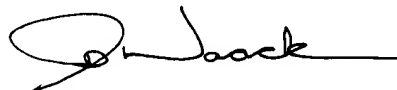
the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, was previously presented, it did not include the extensive citation and discussion presented in the Examiner's Answer. (See Office Action dated February 7, 2003, pp. 4-6.) Accordingly, if the Patent Office seeks to pursue this new ground for rejection, prosecution must be reopened to provide appellant with a fair opportunity to present further argument and declaratory evidence.

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